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CATERPILLAR INC. 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PATENT DEPT. PEORIA, IL 61629-6490

In re Application of:

Attorney Docket No.:

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DECISION GRANTING

Application No.:

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PETITION

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This is a decision on your petition under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1), received in the Patent and Trademark Office on May 29, 2001, to convert the above identified application to a nonprovisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1).

The petition is granted.

The application will be processed in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) as a non-provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1), including the assignment of a new non-provisional application number.

The non-provisional application serial number is 09/885,254. The filing receipt for the non-provisional application will be mailed in due course.

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